Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I request the President to rule whether this question does arise.

President.—The information asked for is on a particular matter. We referred to the official correspondence, and none is forthcoming from that. If information is required about demi-official correspondence, we may not look into it, and even if we look into it, we may not disclose the information obtained therefrom to the Council. Does that satisfy you?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Yes, Sir.

The Board of Examiners.

443. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the names of those who have been members of the Board of Examiners for the last five years and also the name of the Secretary;

(b) whether the Government nominate the members and the Secretary, and, if the answer is in the negative, by whom they are nominated or appointed;

(c) the period for which the members and the Secretary are appointed;

(d) the names and the particulars of the examinations conducted or supervised by them;

(e) whether any principle, rule, order or caste qualification has been observed in selecting Examiners, Assistant Examiners in various subjects; and the period for which they are generally selected and by whom they are selected;

(f) the number of caste Hindus, non-caste Hindus, Christians, Muhammadans and Jews annually selected for the last five years for setting papers and as Examiners and Assistant Examiners in the various subjects for the various examinations, their qualifications and the amount of remuneration drawn by each of these five groups of people for the period referred to;

(g) the names of Examiners and Assistant Examiners and of those who have set examination papers in the past five years and the amount of remuneration given to them individually in these years;

(h) the remuneration paid to the Secretary to the Board of Examiners as 1. Secretary, 2. Examiner or Assistant Examiner, and for setting papers annually for the last five years with the names of those who were Secretaries during the period, and, if they were Government officials, what work they were doing and the salary and allowances drawn by them per mensem;

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(i) whether there is any rule that Examiners, Assistant Examiners and those who set papers for the various examinations should be officials, and, if so, what is the rule, and, if there is no rule, the names of non-officials appointed for this work in the last five years and their qualifications;

(j) whether applications are being invited from qualified candidates, officials or non-officials, to set papers and to be Examiners and Assistant Examiners, and, if the answer is in the negative, the method, principle or rule followed in selecting them;

(k) whether the Government will enquire and find out the method followed in Madras for selecting Examiners and Assistant Examiners and whether the Government have any objection to consider the advisability of following that method here, and if there is any objection, to state what it is?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Vide statement appended. (*Appendix I.*)

(b) The Director of Public Instruction nominates the members and the Secretary, and they are appointed by the Government.

(c) One year at a time.

(d) 1. School Final Examination.

2. Trained and Untrained Teachers' Examination including *Viva Voce* Examinations for teachers (Malayalam and English) twice a year.

3. Pandits' Examination.

4. Scholarship Examination.

5. Drawing Masters' Practical Examination.

6. Industrial Examination (Boys).

7. Industrial Examination (Girls).

(e) The period in the case of a Chief Examiner is ordinarily three years for the School Final up to now and two years for the other examinations, and that for an Assistant Examiner is two years. The selection is made by the Board and is subject to Government approval. The Heads of Schools and Senior Assistants are arranged in order of seniority according to *the Civil List* and the subjects in which they have taken their degrees or which they are actually teaching in the classes. The same procedure is followed in regard to aided schools. Appointments are generally made by the Board in this order unless, in the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction or Senior Inspector of Schools, the work of any particular individual is considered to be unsatisfactory.

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(f) The selection of Examiners and Assistant Examiners is not made castewar. The following is the total number of Examiners.—

	1097	1098	1099	1100	1101	The total remuneration.
1. Caste Hindus	71	75	75	85	65	Rs. 36,111-0-4.
2. Non-caste Hindus	....	....	....	....	1	Rs. 54-8-0
3. Christians	17	17	18	12	18	Rs. 8,055-4-7.
4. Muhammadans	....	....	..	...	nil	
5. Jews	..	....	....	....	nil	

(g) It is not considered expedient now to publish the names of Examiners.

(h) 1. Rs. 500 a year.

2. 1097.

Mr. V. R. Venkiteswara Ayyar, Principal's salary—Rs. 550 per mensem.

Secretary's allowance—Rs. 500 a year.

Remuneration as Examiner—nil.

1098.

Mr. V. R. Venkiteswara Ayyar, Principal's salary—Rs. 550 (from Chingam to Thulam 15th). Secretary's allowance Rs. 100; remuneration as Examiner—Rs. 80.

Mr. S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar—Rs. 400 (pay from 16th Thulam 1098). Secretary's allowance—Rs. 400 (for the remaining part of 1098). Remuneration as Examiner—Rs. 75 (October Examination). Rs. 299-2-8 (March Examination).

	1099.	1100.	1101.
Mr. S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar—pay ..	Rs. 400-500	400-500	400-500
Secretary's allowance a year. ..	500	500	500
Remuneration as Examiner. .	142-8-0	193-8-8	216-10-8.

(i) The rule is given in answer to (e). Non-officials are taken in exceptional cases or, if there are no qualified officials from whom a selection can be made. As regards names, please see answer to (g).

(j) It is objectionable to advertise for Examiners. The Board chooses the best men available. Vide answer to part (e).

(k) The Government do not deem it necessary, since the system here works quite well.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is not the Government aware that the names of the past Examiners are published by the Madras University?

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Mr. C. Matthai.—May or may not be.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is not the Government aware?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Government is not aware.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Does not the Director of Public Instruction look into the University Calendars?

Mr. C. Matthai.—He does not learn them by heart.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I ask whether he has not looked into them. I did not ask whether he learns them by heart.

President.—Say, "I sometimes see the Calendar." Let that answer be there. He sees the Calendar.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has he not seen the names of Examiners published in that?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not aware of their publishing the names of Examiners in the Calendar.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is the Member aware that it is published in any of the University Calendars?

Mr. C. Matthai.—No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I say that they publish. Since they are publishing the names of past Examiners in the Madras University Calendars, what is the harm for our State in following the Madras University in this particular instance?

Mr. C. Matthai.—We have no University here, for one thing.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has the Government any objection in publishing the names of past Examiners in our Gazette?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The difference between the Madras Presidency and our State is we have no University here. We are concerned only with Government Examinations.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the objection in publishing the names of the past examiners?

President.—I suppose, in all these Examiners' posts, the rule is that these must be kept confidential.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government taken notice of the fact that members of one particular community preponderate in the lists of Examiners?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Government have noted it.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government also notice that it is not given to other communities?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Government also have noted it.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether they do select them according to caste principle? Because there was a preponderance of caste in the Examiners, most of them belong to a certain community alone.

Mr. C. Matthai.—With regard to the candidates, it is in the other way.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I want an answer to my question. Is it because suitable candidates in other communities are not available ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—We do not go by caste or communal consideration in the selection of examiners. As it is, they all are honourable men. The Government choose the best qualified men.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the qualification that the Government take into consideration?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Examination qualification, reliability and various other considerations.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Member for Education say whether he has looked into the whole field of qualified men?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What are the qualifications looked into the selection of Examiners ?

President.—Mr. Salem, you have no place here.

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Government appoints certain men of confidence and of the best qualification. These are confidential matters, and it is not possible for the Government to reveal them.

Facilities to Journalists.

444. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether any orders have been passed with regard to the representations made to the Government by the Cochin Journalists' Association or with reference to the observations made in the last session of the Legislative Council with reference to giving better facilities to journalists in discharging their duties ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Final orders have not yet been passed.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether the matter has been considered by the Government and at what stage it is at present?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Information has been collected as to the procedure adopted in different Native States, and it is proposed to arrange a conference with the members of the deputation very soon, and orders will be finally passed after that.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether any order has yet been passed?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No final orders have been passed.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Any orders passed ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I do not understand the question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I mean something like that.

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